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October 13, 1983

Mr. Franklin W. Robinson
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Dear Frank:

Thank you very much for your recent letter with your good points on which to question Susan Phillips.

I regret that your letter arrived just after her hastily arranged confirmation hearing took place. However, I did question her on the issue of grouping all museums with budgets over \$500,000 for the purposes of review. She assured me that under her administration a new procedure would be instituted with additional budget categories. I sincerely hope that this will improve the situation in regards to the RISD Museum and the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Your point about using the AAM accreditation as a guideline in the review process is a good one and I shall bring this up with her at a future meeting.

As soon as a copy of the hearing testimony is available I will send it on to you.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

AC/ap